

Mental Health Facts IN AMERICA

Fact: 43.8 million adults experience mental illness in a given year.



1 in 5 adults in America experience a mental illness.



Nearly 1 in 25 (10 million) adults in America live with a serious mental illness.



One-half of all chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14; three-quarters by the age of 24.

Prevalence of Mental Illness by Diagnosis

1.1%

1 in 100 (2.4 million)
American adults live
with schizophrenia.¹

2.6%

2.6% (6.1 million)
of American adults live
with bipolar disorder.¹

6.9%

6.9% (16 million)
of American adults live
with major depression.¹

18.1%

18.1% (42 million)
of American adults live
with anxiety disorders.¹

Consequences



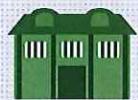
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Approximately 10.2 million
adults have co-occurring
mental health and
addiction disorders.¹



26%

Approximately 26% of homeless
adults staying in shelters live
with serious mental illness.¹



24%

Approximately 24% of state
prisoners have "a recent history
of a mental health condition".²

Impact

1st



Depression is the leading cause
of disability worldwide, and is a
major contributor to the global
burden of disease.¹



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Serious mental illness costs
America \$193.2 billion in lost
earning every year.³



90%

90% of those who die by
suicide have an underlying
mental illness. Suicide is the
10th leading cause of death
in the U.S.¹

Treatment in America



60%

Nearly 60% of adults with a mental
illness didn't receive mental health
services in the previous year.⁴



50%

Nearly 50% of youth aged 8-15
didn't receive mental health services
in the previous year.¹



African American & Hispanic Americans
used mental health services at about 1/2
the rate of whites in the past year and
Asian Americans at about 1/3 the rate.¹

Ways to Get Help



Talk with
your doctor



Connect with other
individuals and families



Learn more about
mental illness



Visit
NAMI.org

¹This fact sheet uses estimates from the National Institute of Mental Health research findings.

²State data provided by Department of Justice.

³American Journal of Psychiatry and U.S. Surgeon General's Report, 1995.

⁴Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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CHILDREN & TEENS

Fact: 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have, or will have a serious mental illness.¹



20% of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition¹



11% of youth have a mood disorder¹



10% of youth have a behavior or conduct disorder¹



8% of youth have an anxiety disorder¹

Impact

50%



50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24.¹

10 yrs



37% of students with a mental health condition age 14 and older drop out of school—the highest dropout rate of any disability group.¹

70%



70% of youth in state and local juvenile justice systems have a mental illness.¹

Suicide

3rd



Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in youth ages 10 - 24.¹



90% 90% of those who died by suicide had an underlying mental illness.¹

Warning Signs



Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than 2 weeks (e.g., crying regularly, feeling fatigued, feeling unmotivated).



Trying to harm or kill oneself or making plans to do so.



Out-of-control, risk-taking behaviors that can cause harm to self or others.



Sudden overwhelming fear for no reason, sometimes with a racing heart, physical discomfort or fast breathing.



Not eating, throwing up or using laxatives to lose weight; significant weight loss or gain.



Severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships.



Repeated use of drugs or alcohol.



Drastic changes in behavior, personality or sleeping habits (e.g., waking up early and acting agitated).



Extreme difficulty in concentrating or staying still that can lead to failure in school.



Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities like hanging out with friends or going to classes.

4 Things Parents Can Do



Talk with your pediatrician



Get a referral to a mental health specialist



Work with the school



Connect with other families

¹ This document cites statistics provided by the National Institute of Mental Health. www.nimh.nih.gov

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